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TITLE OF INVENTION: TOBACCO PROCESSING

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Applicant(s): David MCCRAY PEELE
Filing Date: December 12, 2000
For: TOBACCO PROCESSING
Group Art Unit: 1731
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